# Flexible Camera architecture for generic space imaging applications

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## Why does NASA pursue custom camera developments?

- Demanding Science/engineering performance requirements
  - High resolution, large format detectors
  - Sensitivity/SNR/Wavelength Cutoff Requirements
  - Tailored Image processing
- Environmental screening (mission assurance)
  - Radiation, wide-temperature operation, assembly techniques
  - Parts screening, derating, performance across temperature

<u>Takeaway:</u> NASA has a need for adaptable, scalable camera architecture that can evolve with different mission requirements



MER Pancam (shown as flown) with as-flown electronics, 8-position filter wheel, with optics to be modified from 16° x 16° FOV to 5.5° x 5.5° FOV.



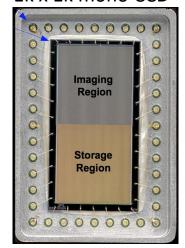
MER Navcam

## Present and future detectors on JPL/NASA Planetary Cameras

#### Relative scales preserved

#### **CUSTOM**

Custom JPL
designed and
fabricated detector
1k x 1k mono CCD



MER, MSL (Engineering cameras) 2003-2012

Custom JPL designed and fabricated detector 1k x 1k CCD, Bayer CFA

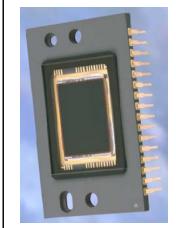


Insight IDC/ICC (2018)

#### COTS

Kodak TrueSense/ON Semi KAI-2020 1640x1214

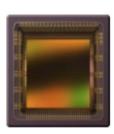
RGB CCD



Curiosity
MastCam
(2012), M2020
Mastcam-Z

(2020)

CMOSIS CMV4000 2048x2048 RGB CMOS



M2020 SuperCam RMI (2020)

CMOSIS CMV20000 5120x3840 RGB/Monochrome CMOS



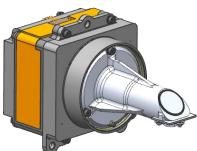
M2020 Engineering cameras (2020)

## Mars2020 Enhanced Engineering Cameras (EECAM)

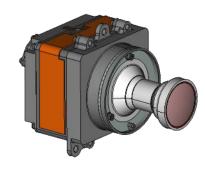
- Successor to MER/MSL Engineering Cameras
- Mission-critical imaging system (Class B hardware)
- Extensive hardware screening and qualification program
- To lower schedule risk, Mars2020 chose to baseline a COTS focal plane array (screened at JPL)
  - Departure from historical Class B imaging system developments
  - Characterization over environments
  - Radiation testing

**Key:** Significant NRE in the development of EECAM can be infused for future camera systems

#### Mars2020 CacheCam



#### Mars2020 NavCam





**Hazard Camera** 

Camera

**Sample Caching System** 

#### **Mars2020 EECAM Camera Specifications Sensor Capabilities** Type 20M Pixel CMOS Image Sensor **Array Size** 5120 x 3840 Pixel Size and Pitch 6.4um<sup>2</sup> on 6.4um Pitch Full well charge 15ke<sup>-</sup> **Pixel Dark Noise** 8e-RMS Yes Windowing Shutter Global Color Bayer RGB Color **Pixel Quantization** 12bit **Electrical Interface Commanding & Data** LVDS Protocol MER/MSL/Mars2020 NVMCAM +5.5V (+/- 0.4V) **Power Input Power** < 3 WMemory 1Gbit SDRAM **FPGA** MicroSemi Rad-Tolerant ProASIC3 **Camera Specifications** Mass (CBE, no optics) < 425g65 mm x 75 mm x 55 mm Volume (CBE, no optics) **Operating Temperature** -55C to +50C Range Survival Temperature Range -135C to +70C **Optics Configurations Navigation Camera**

95°X 71°(H x V), f/12, iFOV < 0.32 mrad/pix 134°X 110°(H x V), f/12, iFOV < 0.46 mrad/pix

0.49 magnification, 130mm stop to plane-of-

focus, +/- 5mm Depth of Field

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Pixel Dark Noise	8e <sup>-</sup> RMS		
Windowing	Yes		
Frame Rate	0.45 Frames/sec		
Shutter	Global		
Color	Bayer RGB Color		
Pixel Quantization	12bit		

#### Electrical Interface

Commanding & Data	LVDS		
Protocol	MER/MSL/Mars2020 NVMCAM		
Power Input	+5.5V (+/- 0.4V)		
Power < 3 W			
Memory 1Gbit SDRAM			
FPGA MicroSemi Rad-Tolerant ProASIC3			
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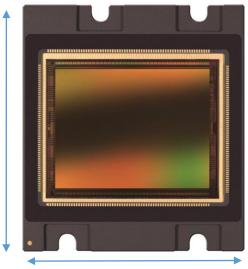
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#### **CMOSIS CMV20000**



52mm

48mm



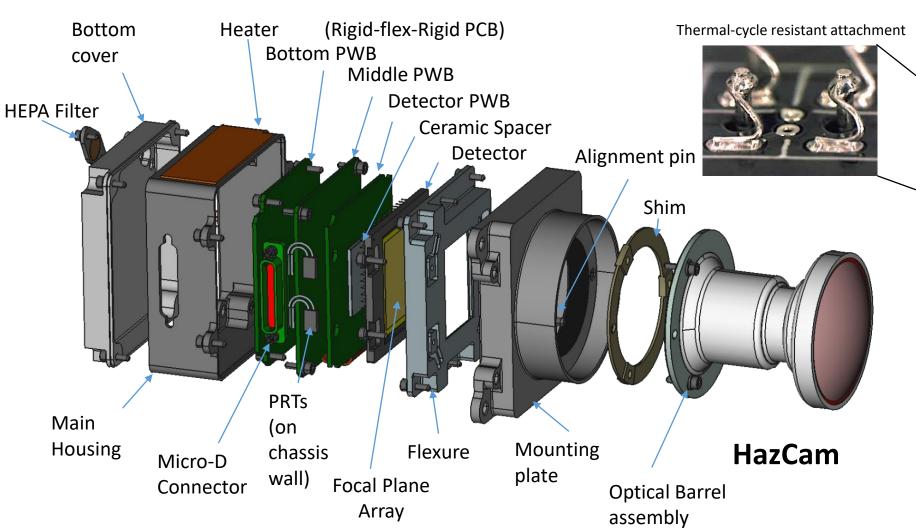
Mars2020 EECAM Engineering Development Unit

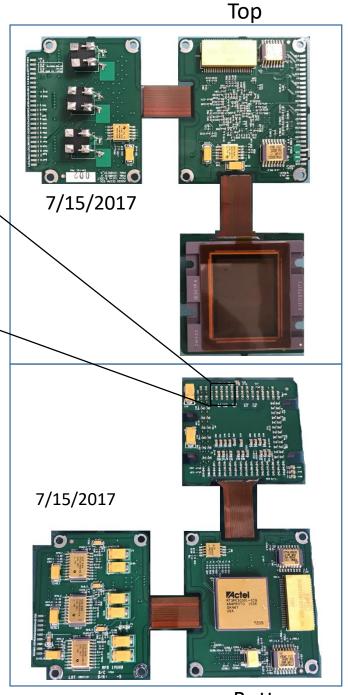
## M2020 EECAM Hardware Development Team



\* Taken with EECAM prototype, 2/16/2017

## Mars2020 EECAM Camera Design

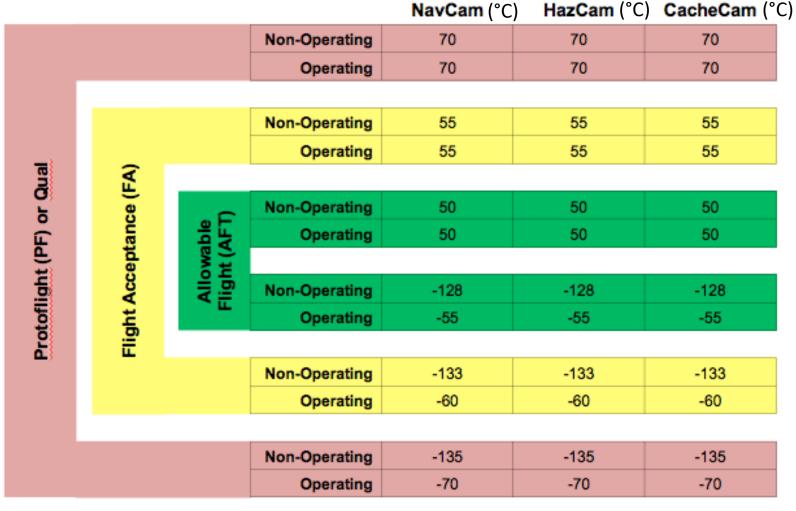




**Bottom** 

## Mars 2020 EECAM Environmental Test Levels

#### Thermal Performance and Test Levels



Packaging Qualification & Verification (PQV) Test Program

Season	Number of Cycles	Low (°C)	High (°C)	Delta (°C)
Summer	2115	-80	50	130
Winter 1	450	-115	-10	105
Winter 2	450	-110	20	130
Total	3015			

## Mars 2020 EECAM Environmental Test Levels

#### **Random Vibration Test Levels**

Rover Assemblies**	Frequency, Hz	Flight Acceptance Level	Qualification/ Protoflight Level
Rover Mounted Assemblies * (other than shown below)	20 - 40 40 - 450 450 - 2000 Overall	+ 6 dB/oct 0.04 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz - 6 dB/oct 5.6 g <sub>rms</sub>	+ 6 dB/oct 0.08 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz - 6 dB/oct 7.9 g <sub>rms</sub>
- RSM Mounted Components (with Fn > 120 Hz)	20 – 40 40 – 450 450 – 2000 Overall	+6 dB/oct 0.04 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz -6 dB/oct 5.6 Grms	+6 dB/oct 0.08 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz -6 dB/oct 7.9 Grms

#### Pyrotechnic Shock Test

Camera	Zone	Frequency, Hz	QUAL, PF Peak SRS Response (Q=10)		
		100	14g		
NavCam	1.4	100-1,600	+10.0 dB/Oct.		
		1,600-10,000	1,400g		
		100	49g		
HazCam	3.5	100-3,000	+7.6 dB/Oct.		
		3,000-10,000	3,500g		
		100	20 g		
CacheCam	CacheCam 2	2 100 - 1,600		+ 10.0 dB / Oct.	
		1,600 - 10,000	2,000 g		

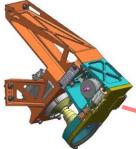
## EECAMs on Mars2020

EECAM
Type

NavCam
2
HazCam
6
CacheCam
1
Total
9

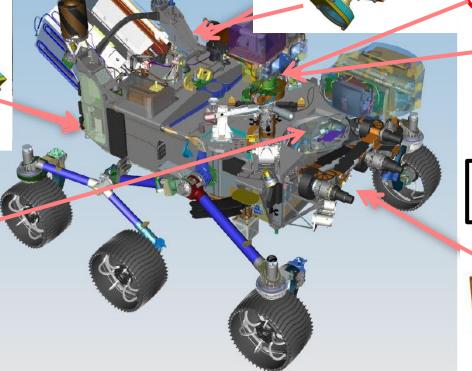
Rear +Y HazCam Pod
(1x camera)

(1x camera)



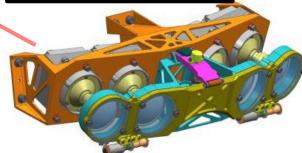
CacheCam (1x camera)





NavCam L+R RSM Pods (2x cameras)

HazCam Bracket (4x cameras)



## Infusing EECAM's flexible camera architecture

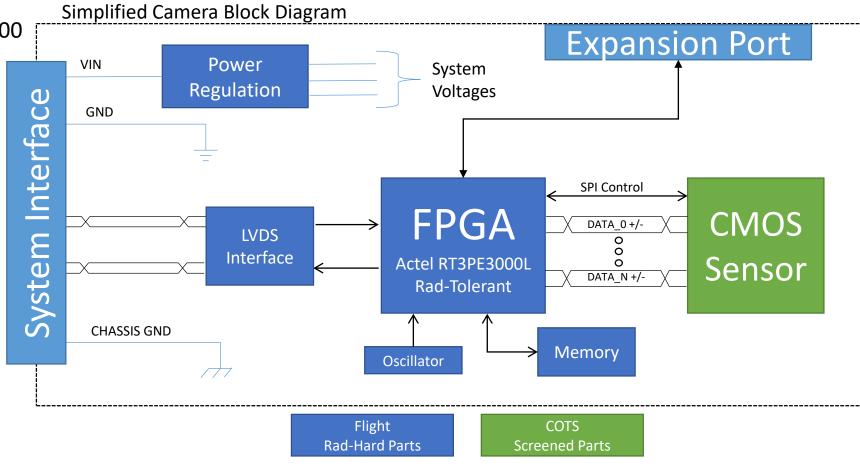
Camera Mission Electronics		Electronics	Optics			Delivery	Mission	Mission	
	Class		Development	Field of View	iFOV	Status	Date to Mission	Need Date	Launch Date
Mars2020 EECAM		,	Custom	95° x 73°	0.35 mrad/pixel	Flight cameras being built	Oct. 2018 (Planned)	Jan. 2019	7/2020
(9 FM units, 4 FS)		Parts		180° diagonal	0.55 mrad/pixel				
OCO-3 Context Cameras (2 FM units, 1	С	Discrete PCBs, plastic connectors, rad-	COTS C-mount (Internal),	32° x 28°	0.125 mrad/pixel	Flight cameras delivered	Apr. 2017	June 2017	2019 [TBD]
FS)	tolerant parts	F-Mount (External)	56° x 48°	0.22 mrad/pixel					
NEAScout CubeSat (1 FM, 1 FS)	D	Discrete PCBs, plastic connectors, rad- tolerant parts	COTS C-mount	26.9° circle	0.128 mrad/pixel	Flight cameras being tested	Aug. 2017 (Planned)	Sept. 2017	2019 [TBD]
New Horizons/ Discovery Proposals	В		Custom						
Future Smallsat and other proposals	B/C/D		Custom or COTS						

## Electronics Architecture

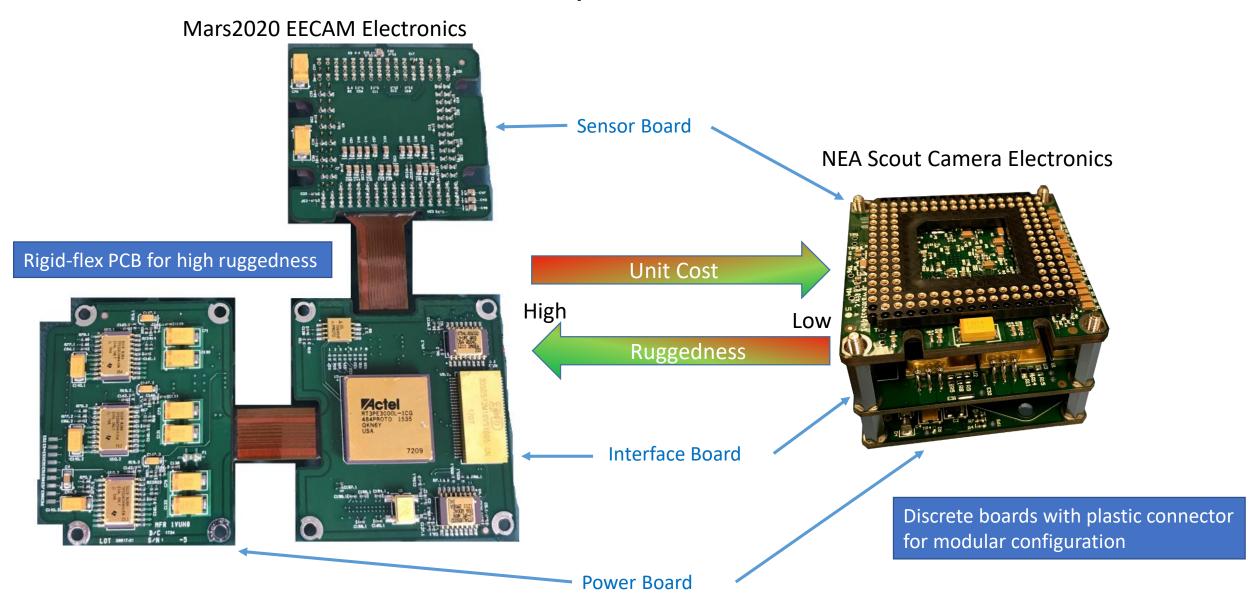
- Reprogrammable, flash-based FPGA
- Physical form-factor/dimensions changes without significant modification to design
- Multiple data protocols over LVDS physical interface (CameraLink, SpaceWire, ...)
- Expansion Port for application-specific interfaces/hardware

Adaptable sensor interface

First generation for CMV20000



## Modular Electronics Implementation



## NEAScout Electronics

**Sensor Board** 

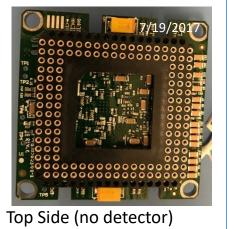
**Interface Board** 

**Bottom Side** 

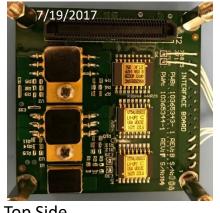
Power Board

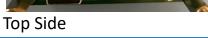
**Bottom Side** 











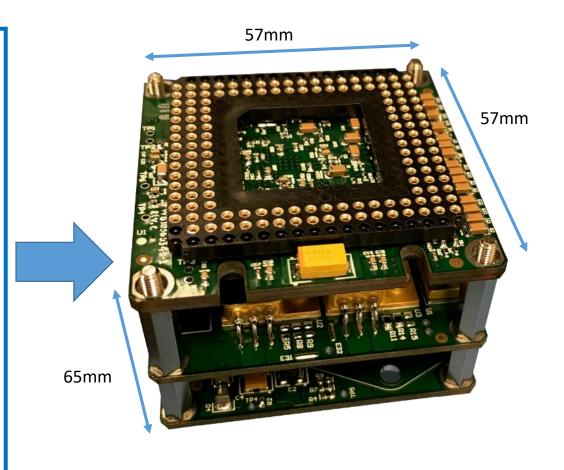






Top Side

NEAScout Integrated Camera Electronics Stack (no detector)



## Scalable FPGA Firmware and Data Interface

## Flexible Data Interface

- Command and Telemetry interface over Low-Voltage Differential Signal (LVDS) physical layer
- Adaptable protocol options given mission interface

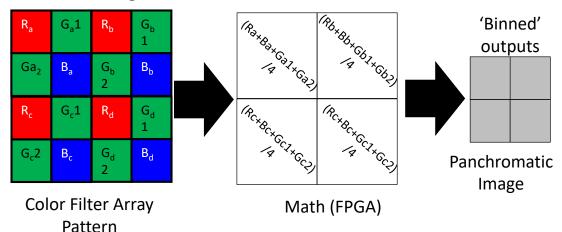
Camera	Physical Layer	Protocol
Mars2020 EECAM	LVDS	Heritage rover CMD/TLM interface
OCO-3	LVDS	Modified CameraLink
NEA Scout	LVDS	Spacewire

## Scalable FPGA Firmware and Data Interface

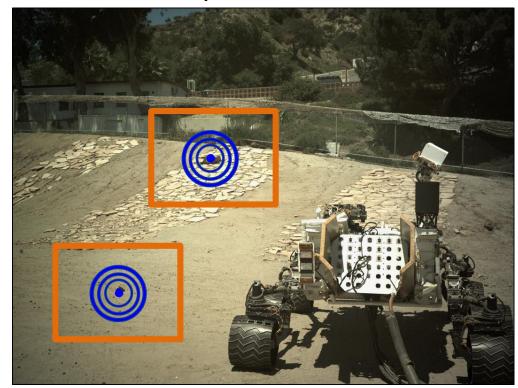
### **Image Processing within FPGA**

- Image windowing
- Pixel binning and co-adding
  - Multiple modes supporting various binning algorithms (4x4, 2x2, ...)
  - Selectable co-addition factors to increase scene Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) by adding frames
- Future possibilities
  - Color Filter Array (CFA) de-mosaic
  - Compression

#### 2x2 Binning Mode of CFA on Mars2020 EECAM



#### Selectable 1280 x 960 pixel windows on Mars2020 EECAM

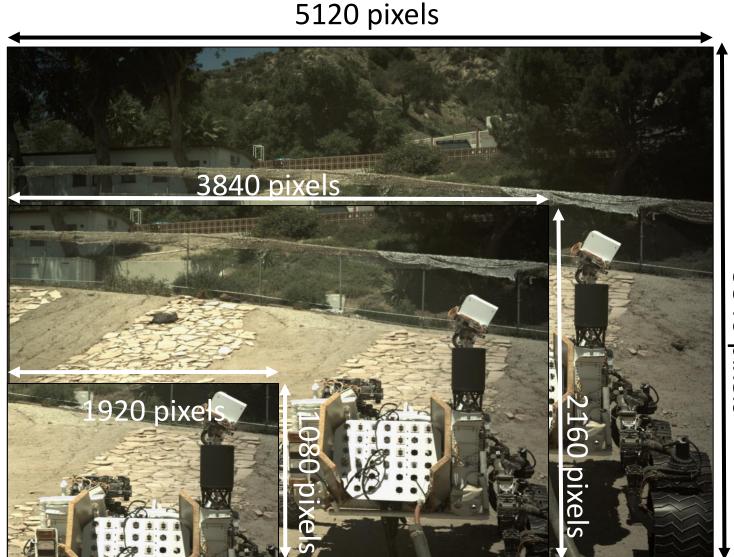


## Variable Frame Size and Rate

#### Camera Frame size vs. Frame Rate

Frame Size (pixels)	Max. Frame Rate* (Frames/sec)
5120 x 3840 (Full frame)	4
3840 x 2160 (4k)	7
1920 x 1080 (1080p)	14

<sup>\*</sup> Frame rate limited by FPGA speed and sensor readout architecture



CMV20000 Active Area

## Mars 2020 EECAM FPGA Resource Utilization Estimate

Based on current design implementation

<b>Compile Report</b>				
Resource	Used	Total	Margin	Flight Principles
CORE	8179	75264	89%	20%
IO	120	341	65%	20%
Differential I/O	11	168	93%	20%
Global (Chip + Quadrant)	6	18	66%	20%
RAM/FIFO	8	112	93%	20%

## Radiation Tolerance of Camera/Components

#### Rad-tolerant EEE Parts

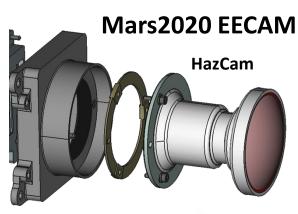
- Latchup, SEL immune
- Depending on mission class, screened vs. unscreened flight parts can be baselined to save cost

#### <u>Detector radiation testing @ UC Davis and Texas A&M</u>

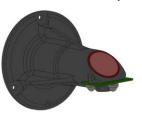
- Total Integrated Dose (TID) performance well beyond Mars2020 requirements (8k TID, RDF=2)
- Latch-up short between power rail and ground triggered by heavy ion interaction in parasitic diode structure
  - Testing at Texas A&M University Cyclotron Facility.
  - Latching behavior found only on one voltage rail
  - Predicted latch-up rate is 0.03 events/yr.
  - Requirement is <10<sup>-4</sup> events/yr
  - Mitigation strategy is power off detector between exposures and factor in relevant detector and EECAM duty cycles
  - Factoring in duty cycle reduces rate to ~10-5/yr
  - Tested device latched-up hundreds of times without loss of imaging functionality NO device failures

## Mechanical Configurations

- Allows user to optimize camera footprint to meet constraints of mission
  - Volume, mass, shielding requirements
- Tailored packaging approach given environmental requirements
  - Deep thermal cycling vs. thermally-controlled environments
- Modular Optics mounts
  - Custom or COTS optics supported
  - Single camera electronics box design can support multiple lens configurations



Common lens interface, interchangeable lenses

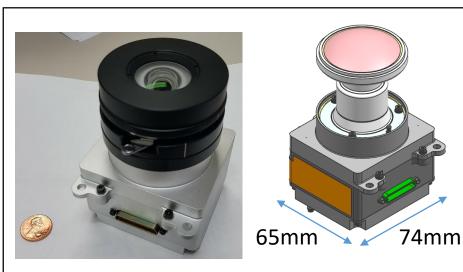




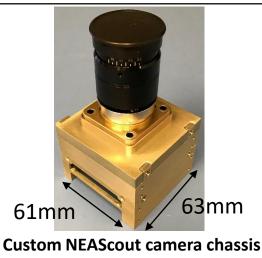
CacheCam

**NavCam** 

#### Mars2020 EECAM



#### **NEAScout**



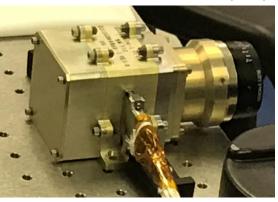
(C-Mount lens)

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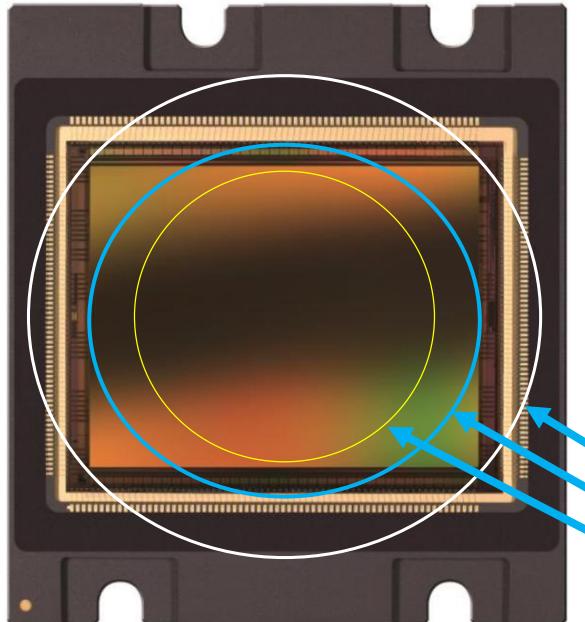


**External Context Camera (ECC)** 



Common camera electronics, different lenses (C-Mount vs. F-Mount)

## Flexible Optics Configurations



Existing Optics Configurations			
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Orbiting Carbon	Internal Context Camera	32° x 28° (H x V), f/5 iFOV ≤ 0.125 mrad/pix	
Observatory 3	External Context Camera	56° x 48° (H x V), f/2.2 iFOV <u>&lt;</u> 0.22 mrad/pix	
NEAScout	OpNav/Science Camera	26.9° image circle, f/2.8 iFOV < 0.128 mrad/pix	

Mars2020 EECAM

OCO-3 Internal Context Camera

**NEA Scout** 



**Internal Context Camera** 

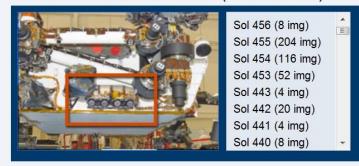
## Next Steps

- Support build-to-print or design-off-the-shelf camera developments for upcoming missions.
- Adapt electronics design to support future focal planes (e.g. CMOSIS CMV50000)
  - To go from 20M pixels to 50M pixels
- Proposal support for Science and Engineering planetary camera missions
  - New Frontiers/Discovery (Class B)
  - CubeSat or Technology Demonstration (Class D)

## JPL Cost and Schedule Performance with Engineering Cameras Built for Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity

- 26 Cameras built, 12 are on Mars (Others EM & spare, 2 now to InSight).
- 9 Navcams, 17 Hazcams built, delivered under budget.
- 28 month build, delivered May 2008, vs. May 2008 planned when authorized/funded to proceed.
- 10 more cameras each aboard Spirit & Opportunity, plus 2 aboard Phoenix.
- Over 100,000 images and counting, as of 2017 July.
- No in-flight failures.

#### Front Hazard Avoidance Cameras (Front Hazcams)



#### **Left Navigation Camera (Navcams)**



#### Rear Hazard Avoidance Cameras (Rear Hazcams)



#### **Right Navigation Cameras (Navcams)**



http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/multimedia/raw/2013/11/21 (Compiled by Justin Maki/JPL)

## Summary

Nine years on Mars. Matijevic Hill on Endeavor Crater rim. Mosaic from *Opportunity* Pancam Sols 3137 – 3150 (2012 /11/19 – 12/3)

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- Leverage COTS technologies and high-reliability packaging from Mars2020 camera development to enable low-cost cameras for planetary missions
- Modular camera architecture can be tailored to meet mission-specific requirements and resources

